

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The overall construction of the toothbrush is shown in unfolded position fig. 1. There is a left half 1 and a right half 2. Each half has a handle section and set of ^{--tufts--}bristles at one end so that the two halves may be joined to one another to form the whole brush. When the brush is sold, and before the brush is used, the two halves are in the unfolded position shown here. This will minimize the thickness of the brush so that it may be kept in an area with narrow size, like that of a wallet or billfold.

-- B shows the handle in fig 2, 12 shows a tuft in fig 4 that comprises a plurality of bristles.--

Before use, the toothbrush may be stored in this position with the two halves unfolded and joined along the spine 3 so that the left and right halves can be folded against one another. When in this unfolded position, the toothbrush will present a very narrow thickness (thickness of a half shown by line D in fig. 3)

Because of this narrow thickness, the toothbrush can be stored in a very narrow space. It is likely to rest upon the bottom edge of the handle 1 and so remain on a store shelf in an upright position. A large number of such toothbrushes and associated packaging maybe be stored in this manner, by resting upright, upon a store shelf.

Such a brush when in the unfolded position would be of such narrow thickness so that it could be carried within the wallet of the user. The brush would preferably be about 3" or 4" in length (length shown by arrow B in fig. 2) and perhaps an inch or so in width (width shown by arrow A in fig. 2). However, the thickness of the brush, could be made to less than an inch (arrow D in fig. 3; arrow C in fig 4 shows the thickness of the brush when in the folded up position and ready to be used).

Each half of the brush maybe described as having a ^{--tuft--}bristle end 5 and a handle end 6. The ^{--tuft--}bristle end contains ^{--tuft--}bristles and the handle end is used to hold the brush. The length of the handle will thus define a line 3 that runs parallel to each of the handles. And the two halves of the brush will pivot along a line that is parallel to this line. So that each brush half will contain both bristles and a handle.